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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR  
1969

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I present herewith the report on the Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove for the year 1969 and apologise for the delay.

The population increased by 440 to 39,440. There were fewer births and a few more deaths than in 1968, so the increase is entirely attributable to people coming into the district to live.

The number of houses in the district increased by 485 to 12,724. Of these 338 were built by the Council, 162 by private enterprise, while 15 were demolished. This has given a good boost to the standard of housing within the District.

The second stage of the extension of the Sewage Works was completed with consequent improvement in the quality of outflow from the works.

Refuse disposal continued satisfactorily with a weekly collection throughout the District. With the number of available and suitable pits dwindling it is likely that the Council will need to consider alternative means of refuse disposal, either alone or jointly with adjoining districts.

Notifications of infectious disease again decreased mainly due to a fall in the number of cases of measles. This is probably the result of vaccination against measles and it is hoped that this trend will continue until we arrive at the happy position with diphtheria, smallpox, poliomyelitis and tetanus. It is noteworthy that there were only five notifications of whooping cough.

Perhaps these effects of vaccination and immunisation have led to a certain degree of complacency among the populace, for there was a marked and worrying fall in the numbers of vaccinations and immunisations carried out.

I must express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors. Due to their efforts and cooperation from the food trade and restaurants the standard of food hygiene remains at a high level. They have also played a very significant part in improving the conditions under which people live and work.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	9,228 acres
Registrar General's Estimate of population (mid 1969)	39,440
Inhabited houses on 31st December, 1969	12,724
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1969	£1,472,677
Product of Penny Rate, 1968/9	£5,940

The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the year:-

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	309	395	704
Illegitimate	10	12	22

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4%
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.9
Birth Rate - England and Wales	16.3

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	5	1	6
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	9
Still Birth Rate - England and Wales	13

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	220	208	428

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.2
Death Rate - England and Wales	11.9

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	5	5	10
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	16
Infantile Mortality Rate - England and Wales	18

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	14
Neonatal Mortality Rate - England and Wales	12
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births	21
Perinatal Mortality Rate - England and Wales	23
Maternal Death	Nil
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH

(as percentages of total deaths)

1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	46.9
2. Cancer and other malignant diseases	16.9
3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	21.9
4. Accidents, Suicide	1.2

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1969

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Buccal Cavity etc.	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	5	5	10
Malignant Neoplasm Larynx	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	19	9	28
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	5	-	5
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	8	13
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
Anaemias	-	3	3
Mental Disorders	1	-	1
Other diseases of Nervous System etc.	3	3	6
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	3	5
Hypertensive Disease	2	2	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	61	42	103
Other forms of Heart Disease	6	11	17
Cerebrovascular Disease	27	27	54
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	9	18
Influenza	5	4	9
Pneumonia	17	30	47
Bronchitis and Emphysema	27	8	35
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	4	5
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	5	5
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	6	8
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	2	3
Congenital Anomalies	2	2	4
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	2	5
Symptomatic ill defined conditions	-	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	-	3	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
All Other External Causes	1	1	2
	220	208	428
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## MORTALITY RATES

FOR CANCER (ALL CAUSES), CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS AND  
HEART DISEASE (INCLUDING ANGINA, CORONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)

Cancer (all causes)	Cancer (Lung and Bronchus)	Heart Disease
1.79	0.71	2.40

IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is given below:-

Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	270 (707)
Number of children who received a reinforcing dose	782 (1,230)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	233 (610)
Number of children who received a reinforcing dose	319 (427)

Tetanus Immunisation

Number of children who received a full course	305 (720)
Number of children who received a reinforcing dose	812 (1,230)

Smallpox Vaccination

Number of children who received a primary vaccination	382 (566)
Number of children who were re-vaccinated	43 (20)

(figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Notifications</u>
Smallpox	-
Scarlet Fever	16
Diphtheria	-
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Measles	95
Whooping Cough	5
Meningococcal Infections	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Dysentery	21
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	1
Food Poisoning	-
Infective Jaundice	71
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TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the Register during 1969 were as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Number of cases on register during 1969	59	45	2	4
Additions to the register during 1969	8	1	-	-
Deaths during 1969	3	2	-	-

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The district is served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach. Serious accident cases have to be transported to Birmingham or Worcester.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Worcester Royal Infirmary. Chemical analyses of water etc. were done at the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am grateful to the Directors of these laboratories for their help and cooperation.

The County Council administers the Health Visiting, Maternity, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental Specialist, Chiropody, Health Education and other services which aim at the preservation of the health of the community. They also took over the administration of the Home Help Service which had hitherto been organised by the W.R.V.S.

A cervical cytology service, available to women of 35 years and over is held monthly at Bromsgrove Clinic.

The Family Planning Association continued to run sessions at Bromsgrove Clinic, at which advice and assistance was available on family planning.

### MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

#### 1. Bromsgrove Town Area.

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.R.V.S. Meals were prepared at Windsor Street kitchen and delivered by volunteer W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 70 old people received meals two days in the week. A total of 6,476 meals were delivered compared with 6,432 in 1968.

#### 2. Rubery Area.

Meals were supplied from Rubery Hill Hospital and delivered by W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 12 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 956 meals had been delivered in this area compared with 1,101 in 1968.

### HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1969 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district	12,724	(12,239)
Number of persons per house	3.10	(3.18)
Number of houses built by private enterprise	162	(237)
Number of houses built by Council	338	(8)
Number of houses under construction at end of year	210	(390)
Number of houses demolished during 1969	15	(7)

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates and a weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the Urban District.



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1969

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting a report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1969.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

During 1969, the total throughput at the Public Slaughterhouse and one private daughterhouse showed a further reduction on previous years, a total of 51,193 animals being slaughtered. Again the reduction occurred at the Public Slaughterhouse where 43,594 animals were slaughtered, being over 10,000 less than in 1968. A total of 7,599 at the private slaughterhouse was only fractionally less than in 1968. The total figure at both slaughterhouses represents an average weekly 'kill' of 247 cattle, 7 calves, 401 sheep and 330 pigs.

The continued decline in throughput at the Public Slaughterhouse is due to the changing pattern of meat trading and a shortage of sheep, which alone account for the 1969 reduction; and also probably to the nationwide increase in the consumption of poultry.

Comparable figures for previous years are as follows:-

1968	-	61,650
1967	-	75,944
1966	-	72,636
1965	-	63,167
1964	-	66,361
1963	-	57,162

All animals slaughtered are inspected for fitness for human consumption and during the year approximately 62 tons of meat was surrendered as unfit. It is interesting to record that evidence of tuberculosis was not found in any of the 13,167 bovine animals slaughtered, and that swine fever was absent in over 17,000 pigs slaughtered. These figures pay tribute to the governments eradication policies for these diseases.

Twenty four post mortem specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester for either bacteriological or histological examination, and I again record my appreciation of the willing assistance and advice given by Dr. R. J. Henderson, Director of the Laboratory. In addition to the post mortem specimens previously mentioned, routine rectal swabs are taken from pigs immediately following slaughter and submitted for bacteriological examination. Of 95 swabs examined, all were negative for salmonellae organisms.

Construction of the new lairage and office accommodation was nearing completion at the end of the year.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR

	Heifers	Steers	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Public Slaughterhouse	1,757	1,532	8,811	296	17,615	13,583
Private Slaughterhouse	485	231	18	37	3,244	3,584
TOTAL	2,242	1,763	8,829	333	20,859	17,167

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed and inspected	12,834	333	20,859	17,167
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	56	17	136	20
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6,747	5	2,482	1,349
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	53.07%	6.61%	12.55%	7.97%
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	111
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.64%
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.		-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	5	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

MEAT CONDEMNED

	BEASTS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS	TOTAL
Carcases	56	17	136	20	229
Part Carcases	63	-	12	28	103
Heads	65	-	-	143	208
Hearts	61	5	8	211	285
Livers	6,164	-	2,457	1,042	9,663
Lungs	1,393	5	1,100	33	2,531
Kidneys	6	-	-	3	9
Spleen	1	-	-	-	1

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHTS - LBS

DISEASE	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS	TOTAL
Abscesses	1,893	-	25	392	2,310
Actinomycosis/Actinobacillosis	1,470	-	-	-	1,470
Angioma	13,836	-	-	-	13,836
Arthritis	243	-	10	34	287
Ascaris Infestation	-	-	-	3,316	3,316
Bone Taint	81	-	-	-	81
Bruising/Injuries	1,429	-	8	231	1,668
Cysticercus Bovis	146	-	-	-	146
Decomposition	760	-	-	-	760
Echinococcus Cysts	34,999	-	-	-	34,999
Fascioliasis (Liver Fluke)	45,614	-	1,219	-	46,833
Fatty Infiltration/Degeneration	68	-	-	-	68
Gangrene	416	-	-	-	416
Hepatitis	64	-	25	-	89
Ill Bled (Fever)	400	65	30	455	950
Jaundice	-	40	32	390	462
Mastitis-Septic	-	-	58	-	58
Oedema & Emaciation	17,251	476	4,286	272	22,285
Parasitic Conditions	-	-	5,286	-	5,286
Peri/Endo/Myo-carditis	134	2	-	197	333
Peritonitis - Septic	252	-	40	517	809
Pleurisy	27	-	-	65	92
Pneumonia	-	30	-	-	30
Sarcocysts	640	-	-	-	640
Septicaemia/Pyaemia/Toxaemia	-	70	28	320	418
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1,442	1,442
Tumours	1,482	-	-	-	1,482
Xanthosis	44	-	-	-	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121,249</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>11,047</b>	<b>7,639</b>	<b>140,618</b>

Total weight of meat condemned 62 Tons, 15 cwts, 2 qrs, 2 lbs.

## POULTRY

One poultry slaughtering establishment operates in the District with an estimated weekly throughput of 3,000 birds. Regular inspection of dressed poultry is made at the twice weekly auction sales in the Produce Market.

53 swabs from dressed poultry - were all reported to be free from salmonella and other pathogenic organisms.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption at retail shops etc. is listed below:-

Tomatoe Puree	-	35 lbs.	-	Leaking
Marshmallows	-	5 pkts.	-	Insect Infestation.
Herrings	-	18 lbs.	-	Putrefaction.
Butter	-	958 lbs.	-	Fridge breakdown.
Cheese	-	250 lbs.	-	" "
Poultry	-	750 lbs.	-	" "
Meat (Various)	-	588 lbs.	-	" "

## Tinned Goods

Meat	-	273 Tins	-	Blown or leaking.
Vegetables	-	1,235	" -	" "
Fruit	-	1,740	" -	" "
Fish	-	127	" -	" "
Soups	-	76	" -	" "
Milk & Cream	-	57	" -	" "
Miscellaneous	-	30	" -	" "

## Frozen Foods

Meat Products	-	933 Pkts	-	Refrigeration breakdown.
Fish	-	1,067	" -	" "
Pastry	-	333	" -	" "
Vegetables	-	1,041	" -	" "
Miscellaneous	-	327	" -	" "

## SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

26 Licences were issued to slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

## FOOD COMPLAINTS

23 complaints concerning the condition of food or food containers were investigated during the year.

## FOOD PREMISES

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 govern hygiene standards in general food premises and food vehicles. Following informal action 77 infringements of the Regulations were remedied during the year.

The total number of food premises visited during the year including visits to slaughterhouses was 1,235.

Infringements remedied are summarised overleaf:-

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Sanitary Conveniences

Cleanliness ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Lighting ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Repair ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Provision of Wash-hand notices ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Hand Washing facilities

Wash-hand basins provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Hot and cold water provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6

First Aid facilities provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Facilities for washing food and equipment ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Lighting of food rooms ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ventilation of food rooms ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Cleanliness and repair of food rooms

Redecoration carried out ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Repairs to surfaces of structures ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

Accumulation of refuse etc.

Refuse receptacles provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Temperature of food ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Refrigeration Provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Food slicing machines provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Regular routine visits are made to catering establishments and licensed premises and swabs taken off eating and drinking utensils, for bacteriological examination. This practice is of great assistance in maintaining a high standard of hygiene in these premises. Of 153 swabs taken 82% were satisfactory. Detailed results are given in tabular form.

Routine samples of cooked meats, meat products and milk and egg products are taken from retail shops for bacteriological examination and of 54 samples taken, all were found to be free from pathogenic organisms.

The number of food preparing premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is:-

a) Ice Cream Premises.	111
b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food	25

Ice Cream

Samples of ice cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 86. The results, with a comparison of the 1968 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results

1968

1969

Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1	66	90.41	1	71	82.57
2	6	8.22	2	7	8.13
3	-	-	3	5	5.81
4	1	1.37	4	3	3.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100.00</b>

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD UTENSILS.

Type of Utensils	No. of Swabs	Sterile		Under 100 Colony Count	Over 100 Colony Count	% of Swabs considered satisfactory	
		Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory			Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory
Dinner Plates	35	10	20	5	4	85.7	
Tea Plates	16	3	10	3	4	81.2	
Soup Bowls	12	4	8	—	—	100	
Fruit Dishes	8	5	2	1	—	—	87.5
Tea Cups	19	5	9	5	3	73.7	
Glasses	44	21	19	9	7	81.6	
Coffee Cups	9	2	4	3	1	66.6	
Utensils	5	—	4	1	2	60.0	

Ice Cream in provisional grades 1 and 2 is regarded as being satisfactory and in grades 3 and 4 as unsatisfactory.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in offices, shop premises and certain railway premises is administered by local authorities, fire authorities, the factory inspectorate and mine and quarry inspectors.

All premises registered with the local authority have been inspected, a total of 330 premises being registered in this Urban District. During the year 1969, a total of 23 new registrations were received. Of 52 general inspections carried out, 34 premises were found not to comply in one or more respects with the Health, Safety and Welfare provisions of the Act.

Summaries are given below in tabular form of registrations and general inspections, contraventions and accidents.

##### (A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises.	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	10	84	12
Retail Shops	11	206	35
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	8	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	2	32	5
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>52</b>

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act ..... 145

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

SECTION	NO. OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND	SECTION	NO OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND
4	Cleanliness	2	10
6	Temperature	10	12
7	Ventilation	12	17
8	Lighting	3	16
9	Sanitary conveniences	3	24
	Other matters	21	Lifts & Hoists
			4

TOTAL 79

(C) Exemptions Number of applications received - Nil

(D) Reported Accidents

Workplace	No. Reported	Total No. Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	2	-	-	-	-	2
Retail Shops	2	1	-	-	1	1
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	1	-	-	1	3

Analysis of reported accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens
Machinery	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	1	1	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	1	1	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-
Fires, explosions	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	-	-	-

### PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Twenty-seven samples of water taken at intervals from the public swimming baths and submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical and bacteriological examination were all reported to be satisfactory.

### CARAVANS

At the end of 1969, one permanent site licence remained in force for 37 caravans at a private site in Blackwell.

### WATER SUPPLY

The town's main water supply has remained satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality throughout the year.

### ASHES ACCOMMODATION

One thousand, three hundred and eighty five new dustbins were issued during the year.

### DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses)	10
No. of obstructed drains dealt with	21
No. of tests applied to house drains	70
No. of cesspools abolished	10
No. of internal w.c.'s provided	32
No. of pails abolished	10
New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc.	1
Defective drains repaired or relaid	16
Houses connected to septic tanks (excluding new houses)	3

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The approximate number of cesspools, septic tanks etc., where sewers are not available is 750. Emptying takes place on a rota basis and every effort is made to provide a twice yearly service. A more frequent service is given where due to disposal difficulties nuisance arises.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:-

No. of cesspools emptied	1,755
No. of loads from cesspools	2,202
No. of pails emptied	303
Mileage covered	11,567

### RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to undertake treatment on Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of treatments at private dwellings	246
No. of treatments at business premises	44
No. of treatments at Council premises (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc)	13
No. of properties re-visited and surveyed	1,655
No. of Agricultural properties treated	-
No. of Agricultural properties surveyed	-
No. of sewer manholes treated	100

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were renewed under the above Act.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

One licence was renewed under the provisions of the above Act following receipt of a satisfactory veterinary report.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered.	119
Number abated	111
Number of notices served	Informal 19
Number of notices complied with	" 17

Inspections

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

Houses under Public Health Acts .. .. .. .. ..	1,142
Water Supply .. .. .. .. ..	19
Overcrowding .. .. .. .. ..	1
Tents, Vans and Sheds .. .. .. .. ..	16
Ashes Accommodation .. .. .. .. ..	340
Accumulations .. .. .. .. ..	7
Drainage Inspections .. .. .. .. ..	282
Drainage Fests .. .. .. .. ..	70
Closets-Water .. .. .. .. ..	16
- pails or privies .. .. .. .. ..	3
Cesspools .. .. .. .. ..	286
Sewers and Street Gullies .. .. .. .. ..	32
Dairies .. .. .. .. ..	3
Ice Cream Premises .. .. .. .. ..	5
Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection .. .. .. .. ..	615
Food Complaints .. .. .. .. ..	65
Food Preparing Premises .. .. .. .. ..	87
General Food Premises .. .. .. .. ..	238
Licensed Premises .. .. .. .. ..	20
Factories Act .. .. .. .. ..	63
Rats and Mice Acts .. .. .. .. ..	69
Infectious Diseases .. .. .. .. ..	48
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16 .. .. .. .. ..	199
Housing Act, 1957 - Other visits .. .. .. .. ..	48
Housing Act 1969 - (improvements) .. .. .. .. ..	208
Rent Act 1957 .. .. .. .. ..	3
Smoke Abatement Observations .. .. .. .. ..	8
Smoke Abatement - premises visited .. .. .. .. ..	5
Noise Abatement Act .. .. .. .. ..	4
Petroleum Act .. .. .. .. ..	161
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act .. .. .. .. ..	145
Animal Boarding Establishments Act .. .. .. .. ..	6
Agricultural (Safety, Health & Welfare) Regulations	2
Pet Animals Act .. .. .. .. ..	2
Miscellaneous visits .. .. .. .. ..	783
Interviews-owners, tradesmen etc. .. .. .. .. ..	222
Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations	48
Schools .. .. .. .. ..	6
Piggeries .. .. .. .. ..	3

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Obstructed drains cleared .. .. .. .. .. ..	21
W.C. Flushing cisterns .. .. .. .. .. ..	9
Floors repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	3
Roofs repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	10
Ceiling plaster made good .. .. .. .. .. ..	5
Wallplaster made good .. .. .. .. .. ..	7
Walls repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	8
Eavespouting and downspouts repaired or renewed .. .. .. .. .. ..	8
Chimneys repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	2
Staircases repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	3
Doors repaired or renewed .. .. .. .. .. ..	1
Windows repaired or renewed .. .. .. .. .. ..	12
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies .. .. .. .. .. ..	2
Repairs to drains and drainage systems .. .. .. .. .. ..	16
Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided .. .. .. .. .. ..	30
Baths provided .. .. .. .. .. ..	28
Hot water supplies provided or repaired .. .. .. .. .. ..	32
Foodstores provided .. .. .. .. .. ..	9
Accumulations removed .. .. .. .. .. ..	1
W.C. Pedestals renewed .. .. .. .. .. ..	2
Dustbins provided other than by local authority .. .. .. .. .. ..	1

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

1) By the local authority.	338
2) By other local authorities.	NIL
3) By other bodies or persons.	162

1. Inspections of dwelling houses during the year:-

1a. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	563
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose	924
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	80
3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	19

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their offices. 17

3. Action under Statutory powers during the year

a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-	
i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
a) By owners	Nil
b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil

B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 19

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

a) By owners Nil  
b) By local authority in default of owners. Nil

C) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 63

2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 17

3. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 15

4. Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas 0

D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957.

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

4. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

<u>Extended Standard Grants</u>	<u>Owner/Occupier</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
1. Number of applications approved	3	6
2. Number of dwellings improved	7	4
3. Amount paid in grants.	£3,091 3. 6d.	
4. Average grant per house	£ 281 0. 4d.	

<u>Ordinary Standard Grants</u>	<u>Owner/Occupier</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
1. Number of applications approved	15	8
2. Number of dwellings improved	14	13
3. Amount paid in grants	£2,777 5. 5d	
4. Average grant per house	£ 102 17. 3d	

Number of amenities provided

a) Fixed Bath .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	28
b) Shower .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	-
c) Wash-hand basin .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	29
d) Hot water supply (to any fittings) .. .. .. ..	32
e) Watercloset within dwelling .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	32
f) Foodstore .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	9

Discretionary Grants

1. Number of dwellings improved 1 £210 0. 0d.

5. HOLDING ACT, 1964

No representations were received from tenants under Section 19 of the act, requesting the Council to exercise their powers to secure the provision of standard amenities.

RENT ACT, 1968

No. of applications for Certificate of Disrepair received NIL

No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by local authority Nil

No. of Undertakings by Landlords received Nil

PETROLEUM ACTS

59 Licences were issued during 1969 for the storage of 219,910 gallons of petroleum spirit.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	No. on	Number of:-		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, <sup>4</sup> and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities.	5	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	88	38	6	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority (excluding out-workers premises)	7	3	-	-
TOTAL	100	43	6	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	11	11	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	13	13	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	5	5	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

PETROLEUM ACT

CONTRAVICTIONS FOUND AND REMEDIED

Extinguisher Foam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Notices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Sand buckets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Licence conditions exhibited	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tank markings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Filling hoses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Vent Pipes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Limiting Devices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Tank Locks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
No. of premises where contraventions found	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18